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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

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## Compact Action

The Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington met today and took the following actions:

### Non-Indian Fisheries

#### ***Commercial Mainstem Winter/Spring Salmon Fishery***

- Endorsed the following 2014 Winter/Spring Pre-Season Commercial Chinook Fishing Plan:
  - ✓ Manage mainstem commercial fisheries to remain within commission allocation and catch balancing guidelines.
  - ✓ Test fishing is expected to occur on Sundays or Tuesdays beginning in mid-March.
  - ✓ Compact hearings to occur on Mondays and/or Wednesdays, if test fishing results are positive.
  - ✓ Full fleet fisheries are expected to occur on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays of each week, but may be scheduled on other days in order to maintain flexibility in developing fishing seasons. Results from Tuesday fisheries will determine whether fishing occurs on Thursdays.
  - ✓ Fisheries may be conducted during daylight and nighttime hours, dependent upon water conditions and to minimize conflicts between user groups.
  - ✓ Fisheries may occur in Zones 1-5.
  - ✓ Based on test fishing results, fishing periods could begin by late March, primarily depending on steelhead abundance.
  - ✓ Only tanglenet gear will be used (4¼-inch maximum mesh size).
  - ✓ Additional fishing periods may occur after run size updates are available.
  - ✓ Test fishing may continue throughout the winter/spring season to collect biological data and maintain historic test fishing databases.

### Treaty Indian Fisheries

#### ***Winter Gillnet Commercial Fishery***

- Modified sturgeon size limits as follows. Modification in **bold**.

Effective noon Saturday, February 1 through 6:00 PM Friday, March 21, 2014, commercial sales of salmon, steelhead, white sturgeon, walleye, shad, yellow perch, catfish, bass, and carp caught in the Zone 6 treaty Indian gillnet fishery are allowed. White sturgeon between **43-54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool**, The Dalles and John Day pools may be sold or kept for subsistence use. Allowable sales include fish caught on platform/hook and line gear within the Zone 6 fishing area.

## Select Area Commercial Fisheries

- The following fisheries were adopted by Compact action in concurrent OR/WA jurisdiction waters and by the state of Oregon or Washington in state waters.

### ***Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Fishery (Zone 74)***

- Open waters in Knappa Slough and Blind Slough up to the railroad bridge are under concurrent Oregon and Washington jurisdiction and open waters of Blind Slough above the railroad bridge are under Oregon state jurisdiction.
- Adopted commercial salmon seasons as follows:

#### **Winter Season**

Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:

<b><u>Blind Slough and Knappa Slough</u></b>	Monday February 10 - Tuesday February 11	(1 night)
	Thursday February 13 – Friday February 14	(1 night)
	Monday February 17 - Tuesday February 18	(1 night)
	Thursday February 20 – Friday February 21	(1 night)
	Monday February 24- Tuesday February 25	(1 night)
	Thursday February 27 – Friday February 28	(1 night)
	Monday March 3 - Tuesday March 4	(1 night)
	Thursday March 6 – Friday March 7	(1 night)
	Monday March 10 - Tuesday March 11	(1 night)
	Thursday March 13 - Friday March 14	(1 night)
<b><u>Blind Slough only</u></b>	Monday March 17 - Tuesday March 18	(1 night)
	Thursday March 20 - Friday March 21	(1 night)
	Monday March 24 - Tuesday March 25	(1 night)
	Thursday March 27 - Friday March 28	(1 night)
	Monday March 31 - Tuesday April 1	(1 night)

#### **Spring Season**

Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:

<b><u>Blind Slough and Knappa Slough</u></b>	Thursday April 17 - Friday April 18	(1 night)
	Tuesday April 22 – Wednesday April 23	(1 night)
	Thursday April 24 - Friday April 25	(1 night)
	Monday April 28 - Tuesday April 29	(1 night)
	Thursday May 1 - Friday May 2	(1 night)
	Monday May 5 - Tuesday May 6	(1 night)
	Thursday May 8 - Friday May 9	(1 night)
	Monday May 12 - Tuesday May 13	(1 night)
	Thursday May 15 - Friday May 16	(1 night)
	Monday May 19 - Tuesday May 20	(1 night)
	Thursday May 22 - Friday May 23	(1 night)

Monday May 26 - Tuesday May 27	(1 night)
Thursday May 29 - Friday May 30	(1 night)
Monday June 2 - Tuesday June 3	(1 night)
Thursday June 5 - Friday June 6	(1 night)
Monday June 9 - Tuesday June 10	(1 night)
Thursday June 12 - Friday June 13	(1 night)

**Open Area:**

**Blind Slough:** Open waters extend from markers at the mouth of Blind Slough upstream to markers at the mouth of Gnat Creek which is located approximately ½ mile upstream of the county road bridge.

**Knappa Slough:** Open to fishing in all waters bounded by a line from the northerly most marker at the mouth of Blind Slough westerly to a marker on Karlson Island downstream to a north-south line defined by a marker on the eastern end of Minaker Island to markers on Karlson Island and the Oregon shore.

**May 1 – June 13** the lower boundary of the Knappa Slough fishing area is extended downstream to boundary lines defined by markers on the west end of Minaker Island to markers on Karlson Island and the Oregon shore (fall boundary).

**Gear:** 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction is in effect during the winter season.

9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction is in effect during the spring season.

Nets restricted to maximum length of 100 fathoms with no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.

**Miscellaneous Regulations:** Permanent regulations including rules related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect.

**Observer program:** As a condition of fishing, owners or operators of commercial fishing vessels must cooperate with department observers or observers collecting data for the department, when notified by the observer of his or her intent to board the commercial vessel for observation and sampling during an open fishery. Additionally, cooperation with department personal or observers prior to an open fishery is expected.

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**Tongue Point/South Channel Fishery (Zone 71)**

- All open waters are under concurrent Oregon and Washington jurisdiction.
- Adopted a commercial salmon season as follows:

**Winter Season**

Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:

<b><u>Tongue Point</u> <u>and</u> <u>South Channel</u></b>	Monday February 10 - Tuesday February 11	(1 night)
	Thursday February 13 – Friday February 14	(1 night)
	Monday February 17 - Tuesday February 18	(1 night)
	Thursday February 20 – Friday February 21	(1 night)
	Monday February 24 - Tuesday February 25	(1 night)
	Thursday February 27 – Friday February 28	(1 night)
	Monday March 3 - Tuesday March 4	(1 night)
	Thursday March 6 – Friday March 7	(1 night)
	Monday March 10 - Tuesday March 11	(1 night)
	Thursday March 13 – Friday March 14	(1 night)

**Spring Season**

Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:

Thursday April 24 - Friday April 25	(1 night)
Monday April 28 - Tuesday April 29	(1 night)
Thursday May 1 - Friday May 2	(1 night)
Monday May 5 - Tuesday May 6	(1 night)
Thursday May 8 - Friday May 9	(1 night)
Monday May 12 - Tuesday May 13	(1 night)
Thursday May 15 - Friday May 16	(1 night)
Monday May 19 - Tuesday May 20	(1 night)
Thursday May 22 - Friday May 23	(1 night)
Monday May 26 - Tuesday May 27	(1 night)
Thursday May 29 - Friday May 30	(1 night)
Monday June 2 - Tuesday June 3	(1 night)
Thursday June 5 - Friday June 6	(1 night)
Monday June 9 - Tuesday June 10	(1 night)
Thursday June 12 - Friday June 13	(1 night)

**Open Area:**

**Tongue Point:**

The winter and spring season Tongue Point fishing area includes all waters bounded by a line extended from the upstream (southern most) pier (#1) at the Tongue Point Job Corps facility through navigation marker #6 to Mott Island (spring lower deadline), a line from a marker at the southeast end of Mott Island northeasterly to a marker on the northwest tip of Lois Island, and a line from a marker on the southwest end of Lois Island westerly to a marker on the Oregon shore.

**South Channel:** The South Channel area includes all waters bounded by a line from a marker on John Day Point through the green USCG buoy #7 to a marker on the southwest end of Lois Island upstream to an upper boundary line from a marker on Settler Point northwesterly to the flashing red USCG marker #10, northwesterly to a marker on Burnside Island defining the upstream terminus of South Channel.

**Gear:** 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction is in effect during the winter season.

9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction is in effect during the spring season.

**Tongue Point:** Net restricted to maximum length of 250 fathoms and weight on leadline not to exceed two pounds in any one fathom.

**South Channel:** Nets restricted to maximum length of 250 fathoms with no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.

**Miscellaneous Regulations:** Permanent regulations including rules related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect.

**Observer program:** As a condition of fishing, owners or operators of commercial fishing vessels must cooperate with department observers or observers collecting data for the department, when notified by the observer of his or her intent to board the commercial vessel for observation and sampling during an open fishery. Additionally, cooperation with department personal or observers prior to an open fishery is expected.

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### ***Deep River Fishery (Zone 80)***

- Open waters in Deep River up to the Highway 4 Bridge are under concurrent Oregon and Washington jurisdiction.
- Adopted commercial salmon seasons as follows:

#### **Winter Season**

Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:

Monday February 10 - Tuesday February 11	(1 night)
Thursday February 13 – Friday February 14	(1 night)
Monday February 17 - Tuesday February 18	(1 night)
Thursday February 20 – Friday February 21	(1 night)
Monday February 24- Tuesday February 25	(1 night)
Thursday February 27 – Friday February 28	(1 night)
Monday March 3 - Tuesday March 4	(1 night)
Thursday March 6 – Friday March 7	(1 night)
Monday March 10 - Tuesday March 11	(1 night)
Thursday March 13 - Friday March 14	(1 night)
Monday March 17 - Tuesday March 18	(1 night)

Thursday March 20 - Friday March 21	(1 night)
Monday March 24 - Tuesday March 25	(1 night)
Thursday March 27 - Friday March 28	(1 night)
Monday March 31 - Tuesday April 1	(1 night)

**Spring Season**

Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:

Thursday April 17 - Friday April 18	(1 night)
Tuesday April 22 – Wednesday April 23	(1 night)
Thursday April 24 - Friday April 25	(1 night)
Monday April 28 - Tuesday April 29	(1 night)
Thursday May 1 - Friday May 2	(1 night)
Monday May 5 - Tuesday May 6	(1 night)
Thursday May 8 - Friday May 9	(1 night)
Monday May 12 - Tuesday May 13	(1 night)
Thursday May 15 - Friday May 16	(1 night)
Monday May 19 - Tuesday May 20	(1 night)
Thursday May 22 - Friday May 23	(1 night)
Monday May 26 - Tuesday May 27	(1 night)
Thursday May 29 - Friday May 30	(1 night)
Monday June 2 - Tuesday June 3	(1 night)
Thursday June 5 - Friday June 6	(1 night)
Monday June 9 - Tuesday June 10	(1 night)
Thursday June 12 - Friday June 13	(1 night)

**Area:** **Deep River** is open to fishing from the markers at USCG navigation marker #16 upstream to the Highway 4 Bridge.

**Gear:** 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction in effect during the winter season.

9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction in effect during the spring season.

Net restricted to a maximum length of 100 fathoms and no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed. Nets are not allowed to be tied off of any stationary structures. Nets are not allowed to fully cross the navigation channel. It is unlawful to operate in any river, stream or channel any gill net longer than three-fourths the width of the stream (WAC 220-20-015 (1)).

It shall be unlawful in any area to use, operate, or carry aboard a commercial fishing vessel a licensed net or combination of such nets, whether fished singly or separately, in excess of the maximum lawful size or length prescribed for a single net in that area, except as otherwise provided for in the rules and regulations of the department WAC 220-20-010 (17).

**Miscellaneous Regulations:** Transportation or possession of fish outside the fishing area (except to the sampling station) is unlawful until WDFW staff has biologically sampled individual catches. After sampling, fishers will be issued a transportation permit by WDFW staff.

**During the winter season fishers are required to call 360-795-0319 for the location and time of sampling.**

**During the spring season a sampling station will be established at WDFW's Oneida Road boat ramp, 0.5 miles upstream of the lower Deep River area boundary (USCG navigation marker #16).**

Permanent regulations including rules related to lighted buoys remain in effect.

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- **The following Gear, Allowable Sales and Washington Reporting Rule applies to all non-Indian Select Area winter and spring salmon seasons adopted above.**

**Gear:** Nets not specifically authorized for use in these areas may be onboard a vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater.

**Allowable Sales:** Salmon and shad. Retention and sale of sturgeon is prohibited.

**Washington Reporting Rule** WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers purchasing fish from the commercial Select Area fisheries to send a report of their landings to WDFW within 24 hours of the closure of the fishery via either:

- a. Fax transmission to (360) 906-6776 or (360) 906-6777
  - b. E-mail to [crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov)
  - c. Telephone to 1-866-791-1281
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## Joint State Action

The states of Oregon and Washington discussed the following recreational fisheries and took the following actions:

### ***Mainstem Columbia River Spring Chinook Recreational Fishery***

- The mainstem Columbia River from the mouth at Buoy 10 upstream to the I-5 Bridge is currently open under permanent regulations.
- Effective March 1, 2014 the permanent regulations have been modified as follows:

#### Downstream of Bonneville Dam

- Area:** Buoy 10 upstream to Beacon Rock (boat and bank) plus the Oregon and Washington banks **only** from Beacon Rock upstream to Bonneville Dam.  
Legal upstream boundary defined as: “A deadline marker on the Oregon bank (approximately four miles downstream from Bonneville Dam Powerhouse 1) in a straight line through the western tip of Pierce Island to a deadline marker on the Washington bank at Beacon Rock.”
- Dates:** Open Saturday March 1 – Monday April 7, 2014. Closed to salmon and steelhead angling on the following Tuesdays: March 25 and April 1.
- Catch Limits:** Two adult adipose fin-clipped salmonids per day, only **one** of which may be a Chinook.

#### Bonneville Dam to Oregon/Washington Border

- Area:** Tower Island powerlines (approximately 6 miles below The Dalles Dam) upstream to Oregon/Washington border plus the Oregon and Washington banks **only** between Bonneville Dam and the Tower Island power lines.
- Dates:** Sunday March 16 – Friday May 9, 2014.
- Catch Limits:** Two adult adipose fin-clipped salmonids per day, only **one** of which may be a Chinook.

**The following additional regulations apply to both areas and seasons adopted above.**

Effective January 1, 2014 anglers fishing for salmon, steelhead or sturgeon in the Columbia River and its tributaries will be required to have a Columbia River Basin endorsement. See a [map of the Basin and get more information](#).

All other permanent regulations remain in effect, including catch limits for jacks and the use of barbless hooks when fishing for salmon, steelhead, or trout.

- Season modifications may be required to remain within harvest guidelines.



### ***Mainstem Columbia River Steelhead and Shad Recreational Fishery***

- Modified the permanent regulations as follows:

Effective Saturday March 1 through Thursday May 15, 2014, the mainstem Columbia River will be open for retention of adipose fin-clipped steelhead and shad only during days and in areas open for retention of adipose fin-clipped spring Chinook.

### ***Select Area Recreational Fisheries***

- Modified the permanent regulations as follows:

Effective Saturday March 1 through Sunday June 15, 2014, on days when the mainstem Columbia River recreational fishery below Bonneville Dam is open to retention of Chinook, the salmonid daily bag limit in Oregon and Washington Select Areas will be the same as mainstem Columbia River bag limits.

On days when the mainstem Columbia River fishery is closed to Chinook retention, permanent salmonid bag limit regulations for Select Areas apply.

### **2014 Zone 6 White Sturgeon Recreational Fishery**

#### ***Bonneville Pool (Winter retention season)***

Season: Saturday February 1 through Monday February 17, 2014.

Area: Mainstem Columbia River from Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam, including adjacent tributaries.

Allowable Catch: White sturgeon between 38-inches and 54-inches fork length.

#### ***The Dalles and John Day Pools***

Per permanent regulations, retention fisheries opened January 1, 2014 until quota is reached.

All other permanent regulations remain in effect including the annual bag limit of two (2) white sturgeon total for all zones statewide.

## Oregon State Action

The state of Oregon took the following actions:

### Non-Indian Commercial Fisheries

#### ***Youngs Bay Select Area (Zone 7) Commercial Salmon Fisheries***

- Open waters in Youngs Bay are under Oregon State jurisdiction.
- Adopted commercial salmon seasons as follows:

#### ***Winter Season***

##### Entire Youngs Bay

6 AM – midnight Monday February 10	(18 hours)
6 AM – 6 PM Wednesday February 12	(12 hours)
6 AM – midnight Thursday February 13	(18 hours)
6 AM – midnight Monday February 17	(18 hours)
6 AM – 6 PM Wednesday February 19	(12 hours)
6 AM – midnight Thursday February 20	(18 hours)
6 AM – midnight Monday February 24	(18 hours)
6 AM – 6 PM Wednesday February 26	(12 hours)
6 AM – midnight Thursday February 27	(18 hours)
6 AM – midnight Monday March 3	(18 hours)
6 AM – 6 PM Wednesday March 5	(12 hours)
6 AM – midnight Thursday March 6	(18 hours)
3:30 PM – 7:30 PM Monday March 10	( 4 hours)
5 PM – 9 PM Wednesday March 12	( 4 hours)
6 PM – 10 PM Thursday March 13	( 4 hours)
8 PM – midnight Monday March 17	( 4 hours)
9 AM – 1 PM Wednesday March 19	( 4 hours)
9 PM Thursday March 20 – 1 AM Friday March 21	( 4 hours)
2 PM – 6 PM Monday March 24	( 4 hours)
4 PM – 8 PM Wednesday March 26	( 4 hours)

#### ***Spring Season***

##### Entire Youngs Bay

6 PM – midnight Thursday April 17	(6 hours)
9 AM – 9 PM Tuesday April 22	(12 hours)
7 PM Thursday April 24 – 7 AM Friday April 25	(12 hours/1 night)
9 AM – 9 PM Monday April 28	(12 hours)
9 AM – 9 PM Wednesday April 30	(12 hours)
9 AM – 9 PM Thursday May 1	(12 hours)
9 AM Monday May 5 – 3 AM Tuesday May 6	(18 hours)
9 AM – 9 PM Wednesday May 7	(12 hours)
9 AM Thursday May 8 – 3 AM Friday May 9	(18 hours)
Noon Monday May 12 – noon Friday May 16	(4 days)
Noon Monday May 19 – noon Friday May 23	(4 days)
Noon Monday May 26 – noon Friday May 30	(4 days)

Noon Monday June 2 – noon Friday June 6 (4 days)  
Noon Monday June 9 – noon Friday June 13 (4 days)

### **Summer Season**

#### **Entire Youngs Bay**

Noon Monday June 16 – noon Friday June 20 (4 days)  
Noon Monday June 23 – noon Friday June 27 (4 days)  
Noon Monday June 30 – noon Friday July 4 (4 days)  
Noon Monday July 7 – noon Thursday July 10 (3 days)  
Noon Tuesday July 15 – noon Thursday July 17 (2 days)  
Noon Tuesday July 22 – noon Thursday July 24 (2 days)  
Noon Tuesday July 29 – noon Thursday July 31 (2 days)

**Area:** Entire Youngs Bay fishing area: The waters of Youngs Bay from the Highway 101 Bridge upstream to the upper boundary markers at the confluence of the Klaskanine and Youngs rivers including the lower Walluski River upstream to the Highway 202 Bridge. During the winter season, those waters southerly of the alternate Highway 101 Bridge (Lewis and Clark River) are closed. During the spring and summer seasons, the Youngs Bay fishing area includes the lower Lewis and Clark River upstream to the overhead power lines immediately upstream of Barrett Slough.

**Gear:** 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction is in effect during the winter season. 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction is in effect during the spring and summer seasons.

**Gear:** Net restricted to maximum length of 250 fathoms and weight on leadline not to exceed two pounds in any one fathom.  
Red corks are required at 25-fathom intervals and red corks must be in contrast to corks used in the remainder of the net.  
Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed upstream of markers located approximately 200 yards upstream of the mouth of the Walluski River.  
Nets not specifically authorized for use in these areas may be onboard a vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater

**Allowable Sales:** Salmon and shad. Retention and sale of sturgeon is prohibited.

**Miscellaneous Regulations:** Permanent regulations including rules related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- No Compact hearings have been scheduled at this time.
- For information concerning these decisions see the January 29, 2014 Winter Fact Sheets #2a and 2b at: [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact\\_sheets.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp)